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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPORTING ON UGANDA

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1. AT PRESENT TIME EMBASSY'S MAIN SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON UGANDAN DEVELOPMENTS ARE UGANDAN REFUGEES IN RWANDA AND OCCASIONAL REPORTS FROM TRAVELERS RETURNING FROM UGANDA. HOWEVER, INFORMATION RECEIVED NOT PARTICULARLY TIMELY AND USUALLY LIMITED TO GENERAL TRENDS IN UGANDA. REFUGEES TEND TO EMBELLISH THEIR ACCOUNTS THEREBY CALLING INTO QUESTION RELIABILITY OF REPORTS. ABOVE SOURCES PROVIDE ON AVERAGE ONE REPORT PER MONTH. INDIAN AND NIGERIAN AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO RWANDA BUT STATIONED IN KAMPALA SHARED WITH AMBASSADOR SOME USEFUL INFORMATION DURING LAST VISITS (1977 KIGALI 1455 AND 1977 A-24) AND CONCEIVABLY WILL CONTINUE PRACTICE.

2. POTENTIALLY GOOD SOURCES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY TAPPED INCLUDE:

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-- ASIAN COMMUNITY IN RWANDA WHICH HAS FREQUENT CONTACT WITH RELATIVES/TRADING PARTNERS IN UGANDA

-- EXPATRIATE TEA PROJECT MANAGERS IN RWANDA WHO OFTEN HAVE CONTACTS IN UGANDA

-- AMERICAN MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE COLLEAGUES IN UGANDA

3. BECAUSE LANDLOCKED RWANDA IS GEOGRAPHICALLY DEPENDENT UPON UGANDA FOR ACCESS TO THE SEA, GOR OFFICIALS BEND OVER BACKWARDS NOT TO ANTAGONIZE KAMPALA. AS A RESULT, GOR OFFICIALS TEND TO BE WARY OF DISCUSSING UGANDAN AFFAIRS.

4. FYI- EMBASSY HAS A GOOD LOW LEVEL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH UGANDAN EMBASSY. WE DO NOT HOWEVER SEE UGANDAN EMBOFFS AS POTENTIAL SOURCES.

5. EMBASSY WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP INFORMATION FROM SOURCES LISTED PARAS 1 AND 2.
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